

Parades Banned on Six Busy City Streets

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TOP VOLUNTEER ... Captain Walter West (right, of the Torrance Fire Department, was honored Monday at the Red Cross Volunteer-of-the-Month for November at a board meeting in San Pedro. Jack S. Douglas, chairman of the San Pedro-Palos Verdes branch of the Red Cross, made the presentation while Mrs. West watched. Captain West was honored for more than 30 years of service to the Red Cross. He is particularly well known for instructing Red Cross first aid classes in this area. (Press-Herald Photo)

Red Cross Honors Torrance Fireman

A Torrance fireman who has spent the last 30 years as an active Red Cross volunteer was honored Monday as the Red Cross Volunteer-of-the-Month for November.

Captain Walter B. West began his Red Cross career in 1937 while a student at Redondo Union High School. West took a Red Cross first aid course at the school in 1937 and since that time has been promoting the idea of having everyone prepared to administer first aid.

A total of 570 men and women have become certified by the Red Cross through 29

first aid classes which Captain West has taught in this area.

HE WAS honored Monday at a meeting of the executive board of the Southern District Red Cross. Jack S. Douglas, chairman of the San Pedro-Palos Verdes branch of the Red Cross, made the presentation.

"Thirty years of volunteer service deserves special credit and particularly when the service is of the calibre you have given for and in behalf of Red Cross over the last three decades," Douglas said in a letter to West.

Captain West, a former Navy Medical Corpsman, now heads all Red Cross safety services in Torrance.

DURING HIS service in the Navy, West was instrumental in the promotion of first aid. One of his former Navy students now directs a first aid program for the Torrance Police Department, Douglas noted.

Captain West took the Red Cross first aid instructors' course at Redondo Union High School under the direction of Fred Swankowsky. "Your promotion of the Red Cross safety services program doesn't stop with official classes in first aid," Douglas said. "We are honored to know that you are constantly promoting the philosophy of first aid training."

Council Acts to Settle Police Officers Suit

A dispute centered around that Woodriddle cannot be promoted to police sergeant until he has successfully passed the examination for that rank.

The council voted to let Woodriddle maintain his sergeant stripes, keeping a special title of cross guard sergeant. His pay will also remain at its present rate of \$913 per month.

The decision also stipulated

that Woodriddle cannot be promoted to police sergeant until he has successfully passed the examination for that rank.

The agreement on the case was worked out prior to the council meeting by the council's police-fire committee, including Councilmen Ken Miller, Ross Sciarrotta, and George Vico; and a committee from the Torrance Police Officers' Association, including Phil Josephs, Sgt. Charles Oates, and Lt. Mickey Fisher.

The stipulations must now be submitted to the Police Officers' Association for final approval.

Murder Charge Lowered

A murder charge against a 19-year-old Redondo Beach youth was reduced Monday following testimony in South Bay Municipal Court.

Henry Lloyd Pace, of 2004 Pullman Lane, was ordered into Superior Court to face a manslaughter charge in connection with the death last Oct. 24 of a 14-year-old Lomita girl.

Judge George R. Perkovich ruled evidence was not sufficient to support criminal malice as had been charged.

Josephine A. Wright, of 25861 Appian Way, Lomita, was killed Oct. 24. Pace had told police he and the girl had been playing with a pistol when it went off, killing the girl.

Blaze Believed Deliberately Set By Youngsters

Neighborhood children are believed to have started a fire Monday in an abandoned wood-frame house at 23681 Madison Ave.

Battalion Chief Frank Tuttle of the Torrance Fire Department said it was the fifth such fire to be started under similar circumstances in the urban renewal area near the Torrance Municipal Airport.

The blaze was reported about 2:45 p.m. Minor damage was done to the rear portion of the house.

Revolver Disappears From Police Station

Even the Torrance Police Department is not off limits for burglars.

A young man was arrested late Sunday night by Laguna Beach police on a petty theft warrant from the Torrance department, with added charges of burglary and concealing stolen property.

William E. Seward, 20, of 2020 Lomita Blvd., had in his possession a .38-caliber six-inch revolver when the arrest was made. It was the same gun stolen over the weekend from the warrant office of the Torrance Police Department, police said.

The revolver, belonging to Lt. Wayne Johnson, was

hanging in a holster inside an unlocked closet when it was taken. Lieutenant Johnson said the office had been locked Friday. There was no evidence that the door had been forced.

Seward was turned over to Torrance police for booking Monday. He is the same prisoner who was charged with conspiracy last month when he and another prisoner in the Torrance jail hoodwinked police into letting the wrong man out.

Seward was to have gotten out on bail, but when the jailer called his name, he remained silent while another prisoner stepped forward and was released.

Torrance Police Seek Killer of Area Youth

Fee for Parades Voted

By NATALIE HALL,
Press-Herald Staff Writer

Six heavily traveled Torrance streets were declared off limits for parades of any sort when the City Council met last night for its regular meeting.

The parade ban follows on the heels of a council decision to deny a parade permit to a Vietnam war protest group. The protestors sought to hold a demonstration march down Hawthorne Boulevard on a Saturday during the height of the Christmas shopping season.

Mayor Albert Isen had termed the request "obnoxious" and an imposition on the public.

THOSE STREETS banned from parade use are Hawthorne, Crenshaw, Pacific Coast Highway, San Diego Freeway, Artesia, and Sepulveda boulevards.

The Council also voted to charge a license fee not to exceed \$500 for each parade application granted. The License Review Board is charged with determining the amount of the fee, which would partially cover the cost of police and public works personnel and equipment needed to control the parade.

The measure was classified as an "emergency ordinance" by councilmen.

CITY TRAFFIC Engineer Arthur T. Horky testified before the council that use of the six busy streets for parades would impose a hardship on local citizens because there are no acceptable detours to these streets.

Police Chief Walter R. Koenig and Fire Chief Robert Lucas each testified that parades on these thoroughfares would severely hamper the operation of emergency vehicles.

Recommended route for large parades is Torrance Boulevard.



STREET FUNDS ... Mayor Albert Isen (left) accepts a check for \$100,000 from Supervisor Burton W. Chace for the county's share of the cost of improvements to Sepulveda Boulevard. Work is scheduled to begin shortly on the section between Cabrillo and Western avenues under a \$113,000 awarded by the city last week. (Press-Herald Photo)

IN CITY SCHOOLS

Scores High in Reading Tests

Torrance youngsters read, averaged 2.7, compared to a better than their peers in the rest of California — but they still don't measure up to the ability of children in other parts of the nation.

That is the prime conclusion from results of a special reading test administered last May to first, second, and third graders in the Torrance schools.

Results of the May tests are strikingly similar to the results of a reading and intelligence test administered in 1966 to sixth and tenth grade students in the city's schools.

RESULTS of the testing program, carried out in accordance with state requirements, will be given to the Board of Education next Monday evening.

Dr. J. H. Hull, in comments on a report prepared for the board, said Torrance students are reading an average of one and two-fifths months ahead of the state median. At the same time, he noted local students are one and two-fifths months below the "publisher's median" established for the tests.

"This difference," Dr. Hull commented, "can be somewhat explained by the fact that California children are younger and have a shorter school year than the majority of children who were included in the publisher's norms."

SIMILAR results were noted for sixth and tenth grade students, who took the Thorndike Intelligence Test and a test in reading.

The report also indicates the intelligence level of Torrance youngsters is above both the state and national averages.

Using a national index of 100, sixth grade students here scored 101.6. (The state average for the same test was 99.3). Tenth grade students scored 102.9 on the intelligence section of the test, while the state average is given as 100.6.

Dr. Hull said an analysis of the reading tests indicated Torrance youngsters are achieving at a level which is consistent with intelligence scores.

Burglars Hit Piggy Bank

Burglars looted a piggy bank of about \$4 in change but left a valuable collection of coins untouched when they looted the Torrance home of John Helstowski over the weekend.

Police said the thieves did get away with \$1,443 worth of coins, bonds, and silverware, however.

Shots Fired at Birthday Party

A birthday party turned into a nightmare of death Saturday when a Torrance youth was shot and killed during festivities being held in his honor.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital was Johnny Hernandez Rivera, who was celebrating his 20th birthday, of 2130 Del Amo Blvd.

A second youth, Ysidro Ramirez, 19, of 2104 Del Amo Blvd., was critically wounded in the shooting melee. Ramirez was a guest at the party.

Ramirez underwent emergency surgery for a bullet wound in the chest. He was reported in fair condition last night.

POLICE said three days of questioning has turned up few clues to the identity of the two suspects.

A total of five shots were fired, police said. Young Rivera and Ramirez were each hit once and three shots went wild.

THE MIDNIGHT incident took place at the Torrance Labor Temple, 1316 Border Ave., which had been rented for the party.

Witnesses told police that two young men had quarreled with Rivera and one of them pulled out a .22-caliber pistol and shot the youth as he was chasing him out of the hall.

The suspects then fled in a black 1956 model sedan, with one of the youths shooting from the vehicle as it sped away from the scene.

Brothers Killed in Auto Crash

A Torrance soldier and his brother were killed Saturday afternoon when the auto in which they were riding collided with a second vehicle in Redondo Beach.

Pvt. Garhard J. DeGorge, 3921 Sepulveda Blvd., was dead on arrival at South Bay Hospital. His 27-year-old brother, Hubertous, died Sunday at the hospital as a result of injuries sustained in the crash.

Hubertous DeGorge was identified as the driver of the car.

Police said the DeGorge vehicle collided with a car driven by Francine M. Weitzel, 57, of Redondela Drive. Mrs. Weitzel and Edith Schaub, of Redondo Beach, sustained cuts and bruises in the crash. Mrs. Schaub was a passenger in Mrs. Weitzel's car.

The DeGorge vehicle was turned around in the crash and struck a third vehicle. No injuries were reported in the third car.

Police said no citations were issued.

Private DeGorge was assigned to Ft. Bliss, Tex.

Becker Elected

James Becker was elected moderator of the Educational Council of Torrance at the group's regular luncheon meeting last week. Others elected were Gene Skala, assistant moderator; Jill Ritchie, secretary; and Lillian Adams, treasurer.

Dedicate New Hospital - - -

A new \$8 million Memorial Hospital of Gardena, located at 1145 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., will be formally dedicated Friday at 2 p.m. Public tours of the new medical complex will be offered Saturday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Dr. David M. Brotman, M.D., is scheduled to announce expansion plans for the hospital at a press conference Friday afternoon.

Court Hearing Due Friday - - -

Arguments on a taxpayer's suit which seeks to invalidate a petition seeking a special election on the issue of urban renewal will be heard Friday in Los Angeles Superior Court. The suit, filed by Mrs. Velma Shelburn and J. B. Mosley, asks the court to declare the petition invalid and restrain the city from placing the issue on a special election ballot. Judge Ralph Nutter issued a temporary restraining order two weeks ago after the City Council had voted to place the measure before voters. A second petition, aimed at repealing the Uniform Housing Code, is not affected. That issue will be on the ballot next April.

Name Water Superintendent - - -

John Q. Rorgwat has been appointed superintendent of the Torrance Municipal Water Department, effective Nov. 27. The announcement was made Tuesday evening by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro. Rorgwat, now chief engineer of the Suburban Water Systems in the San Gabriel Valley, will succeed A. E. McVicar, who retired about a year ago. Cecil Powell has been acting water superintendent for the city since McVicar's retirement.